FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT TRACY TO SILVER LAKE TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

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PROJECT LOCATION: Washoe County, Nevada

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ABSTRACT

This Final EIS analyzes the potential impacts associated with a proposal (Proposed Action) by Sierra Pacific Power Company to construct, operate, and maintain a new 120 kV overhead powerline to improve the reliability of the power supply to customers in the Spanish Springs Valley and Stead areas of Nevada. The Proposed transmission line would originate at Tracy Power Plant and would extend approximately 34 miles, through Spanish Springs Valley to the Silver Lake substation in the Stead area of Reno. The Proposed Action also includes the construction and operation of two new substations to distribute the power within the project area. Five transmission line alternatives (including the Preferred Alternative) and two substation alternatives to the Proposed Action are analyzed in the EIS. In addition, a No Action Alternative to the Proposed Action is analyzed.

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